

SAMUEL P. ROBERTS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4786) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Postal Way in Carrollton, Georgia, as the "Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4786

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SAMUEL P. ROBERTS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Postal Way in Carrollton, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4786.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise today in support of the bill to rename the post office located in Carrollton, Georgia, after the Honorable Sam Roberts.

Sam Roberts was not just a community leader, not just a husband, not just a father, he was a friend to all of us in the Seventh District of Georgia. Sam lost his battle against cancer on January 3 of this year.

Sam was a distinguished member of the Georgia State Senate whose district laid within the Seventh Congressional District of Georgia. He won his Senate seat to represent State Senate District 30 in 1986 and was reelected in 1998. His second term was tragically cut short after his untimely death earlier this year.

Born April 10, 1937 in Rome, Georgia, after obtaining a degree in insurance and risk management from Georgia State University in 1963, Sam Roberts maintained a long career in management heading Roberts Insurance Agency. Sam Roberts received numerous community and civic awards such as "Who's Who" in Georgia and Small Businessperson of the Year from the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce. He was also Associate of the Year for the Douglas County Home Builders Association. Sam was admitted to the

Carrollton High School Trojan Hall of Fame and was a Jaycees International Senator.

Throughout his life, Senator Sam, as we knew him, was involved in countless community organizations and activities and civic clubs, including President of the Sertoma Club and the Douglas County Rotary Club, National Director of the U.S. Jaycees, in government affairs, and State Vice President of the Georgia Jaycees.

Sam Roberts also served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes. He was the Chaplain of the Flint Hill Masonic Lodge. Sam was a member of the Douglas County Development Authority and the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce. He was also a youth football coach for 20 years.

While serving in the Georgia State Senate, Sam Roberts worked extremely hard for swift and strong punishment of criminals, to improve education for children, and to make our State government more efficient.

Sam Roberts was a resident of Douglas County for more than 30 years. He was a member of Heritage Baptist Church with his wife Sue. Sam is also survived by three wonderful children, Sherrie, Beau and Amber.

Mr. Speaker, the career of Georgia State Senator Sam Roberts as a professional, as a legislator, as a community leader, and as a family man clearly demonstrates why we should name this post office in his community, in our community, in his honor. I ask my colleagues to join me in renaming the U.S. Post Office in Carrollton, Georgia, after the Honorable Sam Roberts.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4786, which names a post office after Samuel P. Roberts, was introduced by Representative BARR on June 29, 2000.

Mr. Roberts was born on April 10, 1937, in Rome, GA. He obtained a degree in insurance and risk management from Georgia State University and went on to head the Roberts Insurance Agency. He decided to enter politics and in 1996 he ran for the Georgia State Senate, representing District 30.

Tragically, his second term was cut short when he lost his battle with cancer and died on January 3, 2000, in Douglasville, GA. Naming a post office in his honor is a fitting way to honor his commitment to his community and family. I urge the swift adoption of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to reiterate my support for the bill at hand. I thank the gentleman from the great State of Georgia (Mr. BARR) for his comments.

Since Mr. Roberts formerly served as a member of the State Senate in his State and as a former member of the State Senate of Pennsylvania, I again want to thank the gentleman for recog-

nizing that those who serve our public and other legislative bodies deserve recognition in this way.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the very kind remarks of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4786.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JUDGE HARRY AUGUSTUS COLE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4450) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4450

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JUDGE HARRY AUGUSTUS COLE POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland, shall be known and designated as the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4450.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the bill before us, H.R. 4450, was introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS). This legislation designates the post office located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office." H.R. 4450 is cosponsored by the entire House delegation of the State of Maryland.

Harry Augustus Cole was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System and graduated from Morgan State University in 1943. He served our Nation with distinction during World War II and then graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law, after which he practiced criminal and civil rights law.

Judge Cole is a man of many firsts. He was the first African American assistant attorney general in Baltimore City, the first African American to be elected to the State Senate of Maryland, the first chairman of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission, and the first African American to be named to the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Cole is most deserving of being honored by having a post office named after him in the city to which he has contributed so much for so long and where he has spent much of his life.

I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 4450, and I commend the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) for introducing this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4450. This legislation is the product of the work of my good friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS), who represents both the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS), the prime sponsor of this legislation, to allow him to articulate to the House his reasons to commend it for passage.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman McHUGH) and certainly the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FATTAH), the ranking member, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR), and to all those on the Subcommittee on Postal Service for their support in bringing this bill to the floor of the House.

I believe that persons who have made meaningful contributions to society should be recognized. The naming of a postal building in one's honor is truly a salute to the accomplishments and public service of an individual.

H.R. 4450 designates the United States Post Office building located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building."

Judge Harry Augustus Cole was a man of many firsts. Judge Cole was the first African American assistant attorney general in Maryland, the first African American to be elected to the State Senate of Maryland, the first chairman of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the United States Civil Rights Commission, and the first Afri-

can American to be named to Maryland's highest court, the Maryland Court of Appeals.

Educated in Baltimore City Public Schools, Judge Cole graduated from Morgan State University in 1943. I might add that he later served as the chairman of the Board of Regents of that institution. While at Morgan, however, he served as the president of the student council and the founder and the first editor in chief of the Spokesman College Newspaper.

A World War II veteran, Judge Cole graduated from the University of Maryland Law School, my alma mater, and practiced criminal and civil rights law for many years. He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the oldest African American fraternity in the country.

Unfortunately, he passed away on February 14, 1999.

Harry Cole, who is one of my role models, is fondly remembered for his quick wit and sharp sense of humor. He was a man who always helped those in need and was always there for the indigent. He offered his services free of charge and was not looking for any kind of fame or thanks. Judge Cole extended his hand without ever seeking acknowledgment. I think it is time he is honored for the contributions he gave not only to the City of Baltimore, but to the State of Maryland and to this country.

He was also a distinguished veteran and served proudly in our United States Army. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and his three daughters, Susan, Harriette and Stephanie.

I urge my colleagues to support this postal naming bill that salutes a person from my district who was an outstanding veteran, an outstanding jurist, and spent his life providing service to others.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BARR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4450.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for 10 minutes.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess for 10 minutes.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. ISAKSON) at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS—CHILDREN'S EQUITY ACT OF 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2842) to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, concerning the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, to enable the Federal Government to enroll an employee and his or her family in the FEHB Program when a State court orders the employee to provide health insurance coverage for a child of the employee but the employee fails to provide the coverage, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2842

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN.

Section 8905 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h)(1) An unenrolled employee who is required by a court or administrative order to provide health insurance coverage for a child who meets the requirements of section 8901(5) may enroll for self and family coverage in a health benefits plan under this chapter. If such employee fails to enroll for self and family coverage in a health benefits plan that provides full benefits and services in the location in which the child resides, and the employee does not provide documentation showing that such coverage has been provided through other health insurance, the employing agency shall enroll the employee in a self and family enrollment in the option which provides the lower level of coverage under the Service Benefit Plan.

"(2) An employee who is enrolled as an individual in a health benefits plan under this chapter and who is required by a court or administrative order to provide health insurance coverage for a child who meets the requirements of section 8901(5) may change to a self and family enrollment in the same or another health benefits plan under this chapter. If such employee fails to change to a self and family enrollment and the employee does not provide documentation showing that such coverage has been provided through other health insurance, the employing agency shall change the enrollment of the employee to a self and family enrollment in the plan in which the employee is enrolled if that plan provides full benefits and services in the location where the child resides. If the plan in which the employee is enrolled does not provide full benefits and services in the location in which the child resides, or, if the employee fails to change to a self and family enrollment in a plan that provides full benefits and services in the location where the child resides, the employing agency shall change the coverage of the employee to a self and family enrollment in the option which provides the lower level of coverage under the Service Benefits Plan.

"(3) The employee may not discontinue the self and family enrollment in a plan that provides full benefits and services in the location in which the child resides for so long as the court or administrative order remains in effect and the child continues to meet the requirements of section 8901(5), unless the employee provides documentation showing that such coverage has been provided through other health insurance."